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1. The amendment filed on 13 September 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

Attached is an Examiner's Amendment to correct the improper claim status identifiers of Claims 58-64.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claims 58-64, the claim status identifiers have been corrected to read "(Previously presented)". Please see the attached claim set with corrected claim status identifiers.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael La Villa whose telephone number is (571) 272-1539. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Thursday, and alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Jones can be reached on (571) 272-1535. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Michael La Villa
3 March 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaVilla".